



Barnhill Bulletin

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BARNHILL BEATS BRITISH MARATHON RECORD



WORLD
MARATHON
CHALLENGE

2012 RACE AGAINST HUNGER



*Barnhill students take part
and make **itv** NEWS*

On 16 October, twenty-five of Barnhill's finest athletes travelled to Willesden to take part in 'The World Marathon Challenge'. This was a competition, supported by UK Athletics, organised and run by Save The Children.

Taking place all over the world simultaneously, Barnhill students worked together as a team to complete a marathon (105½ laps of a 400m athletics track). They did this by running a relay race with 210 baton changes! Each leg was 200m and this meant that each student ran just over a mile in total.

The competition was of an extremely high standard with a primary school in Kenya winning on the day in 01:47:55. In Willesden Barnhill were extremely competitive, but after an hour and half found themselves in third place a lap down on second placed Ark Academy. With great determination and guts the

team not only managed to catch the Ark, but also overtake them and beat them by 11 seconds.

In between legs, the students were mixing with 2012 Olympic Silver medallist Christine Ohuruogu and 1968 Olympic Champion David Hemery. They also featured in interviews with both BBC and ITV news. Barnhill performed extremely well and completed the marathon in 2:07:09. Interestingly this is faster than any Briton has run in the last 10 years. Our team officially finished 17th fastest in England and 42nd (out of 556 teams) worldwide.

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Monday 5 November**

Headteacher's Letter



Dear Families

We have had a very successful start to the school year, and it is hard to believe we have already reached half term.

Exam Results

We were delighted to come back in September to the best set of results so far achieved. Almost

4 out of 5 Year 11 students achieved 5 or more GCSE/BTEC grades at C or above, and almost a quarter achieved 3 or more A/A*s. In Year 13, the pass rate at A Level was 98% and three quarters of grades were C or above. This is a fantastic achievement by the students, and they have received excellent support from their teachers.

The problems with GCSE English which has received publicity on the News did affect a number of our students, and we have joined with other organisations to get this looked into properly. So far, the answers have not been satisfactory, and we do not feel the way these students have been treated is fair. In

the meantime, we are supporting those students who missed out on the all-important C grade by preparing them for retakes in November.

Medicine Evening

One of the aspects that really pleased me this summer was that three Year 13 students achieved places on Medicine courses at University. This is one of the most competitive courses to get onto in the country. Not only do you need strong grades, but also relevant work experience, and involvement in activities to show your leadership and teamwork skills. Inspired by this, we ran a very successful Medicine Evening, where interested

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students and parents could find out about the process of applying and the skills required. The mother of one of the successful students spoke about the support she had given her son, and the determination and hard work required by everyone to achieve at this level. We heard from an admissions tutor about the secrets of the interview process, and current students about the demands of the course.

Summer School

Year 7 have settled in well at the start of their secondary school career. I have enjoyed hearing about how they have found the change, and a number have come

with me on visits to their old primary schools to talk to Years 5 and 6. Something that appears to have helped them find their feet is our new Summer School. 50 of the new Year 7 students had a programme in the last week of August to refresh their Literacy and Numeracy skills, to help them to get to know each other, their teachers and their school. It was finished off with a visit to London Zoo and a presentation by them to all the Parents. This was a programme funded directly by the Government, and we hope it will now become an annual event.

Uniform

Uniform has been of a very high standard so far this year. Can I also remind parents that it is just as important that all students have a good school bag fit for all their books, and the necessary equipment (pens, pencils, rulers etc.) on a daily basis.

Wishing you a good half term break.

*Robert Lobatto
Head Teacher*

Year 7 Open Day - Wednesday 3 October

We welcomed hundreds of prospective students and their parents to Barnhill earlier this month and we were proud to show everyone the great facilities, teaching and students we are proud to have. Our students were excellent ambassadors and we were really grateful to receive lots of fantastic feedback from many visitors.

Congratulations to Ben Reid of Belmore who won an iPod Shuffle in the draw!

News - Medicine Evening

Barnhill hosted its first ever Medicine Panel Evening on 10 October. Over 100 students and their parents gathered to learn from five guest speakers.

Guest speakers included Medicine students from Kings College London and UCL, someone who previously interviewed for Medicine courses at St George's University and a parent of a Medicine student.

The speakers shared their experiences and answered questions from the audience. Students left with a good idea of how to be successful when applying to University for Medicine courses and parents knowing how to best support them.

Medicine is a very competitive course, students need to have very good academic results as well as substantial and relevant work experience placements. Students applying for Medicine need to have at least three months worth of work experience, which may include supporting in a care home, shadowing a doctor in a hospital, working in a pharmacy, and supporting less able or younger children.

The attendees were encouraged to attend open lectures at Universities (these run in the evenings and are open for all members of the public, adults and children) and to contact as many suitable placements as possible in order to secure enough suitable work experience.

In the academic year of 2011-2012 three of our year thirteen students went on

Thinking about Medicine?
Want to follow your dream?

Barnhill
Community High School

Guest speakers with information about studying medicine and the career pathway.

Featuring

- Former admissions interviewee at St George's
- UCL Medicine 2nd year Student
- Former Barnhill Student at Kings College London
- The Parent's viewpoint

Medicine Evening
for Y11 & Y12 students and parents/carers

Wednesday 10 October 2012 at 5.30pm
Barnhill Community High,
Yeading Lane, Hayes, Middlesex UB4 9LE
www.barnhill.hillingdon.sch.uk

to study Medicine at University, this is an amazing achievement for them and for the school. They were able to secure their places on these prestigious courses because they followed the school Medicine mentoring programme, had a full range of work experience placements, including placements at Hillingdon Hospital and brilliant exam results.

The Medicine evening is the first step for our new Y11 and Y12 students, the event was a great success and we plan to run it annually. There are plans to hold similar events for other careers in the future.

Miss Ball

the **PiXL** club
partners in excellence

The PiXL Club is a collaboration of schools. It is about sharing new ideas with school leaders; it is a partnership of focused, determined and dedicated professional practitioners. It is a not for profit organisation that focuses on supporting

and developing the GCSE results of thousands of students in many schools across London, the South East, West and the North.

The latest celebration was on 4 October at Central Hall, Westminster and we had three students (now in Y12) who received prizes based upon their actual GCSE results (A*-C including English and Maths) measured against a predicted percentage of

achieving at least 5 of these grades at the end of KS2.

Fatuma Hashi

predicted 3.7% - got 11 A-Cs*

Neesha Hallan

predicted 16.7% - got 8 A-Cs*

Anab Mohammed

predicted 24.5% - got 8 A-Cs*

Congratulations to them as they really succeeded against the odds with their hard work and support from the school.



Meanwhile, Ms Gabriel and Shane David-Joseph (Y10) rehearsed for 3 Saturdays in September at St Paul's School for Boys with over 80 students and staff members from all over England. Our conductor was Basil Meade the founder of The London Community Gospel Choir and his team and we learnt four songs in four-part harmonies.

"It was an amazing experience to work with so many young people and with Basil. We performed at the Awards Evening at Central Hall in front of 2000 people and it was breathtaking", Ms Gabriel reports, and she also says that had tears in her eyes whilst she was singing.

A memorable experience being part of the choir and also seeing the Barnhill students receive their awards.

Stoke Mandeville Trip

'Stoke Mandeville was a fun and interesting day. We learnt that there are loads of sports that disabled children could do. We got to see the 1984 Paralympic torch. We also got to meet a Paralympian who competed in powerlifting and he also helped train children that want to do powerlifting in the future. I really enjoyed the day.'

Ellie Davis (Y10)

A group of excited and keen students experienced the Junior Paralympic Championships at Stoke Mandeville Stadium on 4 October.

It was a great opportunity for our students to hear the motivational speeches of former Paralympic athletes and to see at first hand the amazing achievements of some of the youngsters at the event. It proved to be a wonderful day out benefitting all.

Mr J Reid

Year 10 'Speak Out' Challenge

On 15th October, the English Curriculum Area was once again delighted to welcome Chris Billington, from Speakers Bank, to the school.

For the last several years, Chris has joined a selected group of Y10s in order to run the Jack Petchy sponsored 'Speak Out' challenge which targets students in the London area. Each year this has proved to be an invaluable opportunity for students to build their skills at public speaking and boost the confidence of many. In the Curriculum Area we are committed to raising the profile of Speaking and Listening at GCSE level as this contributes 20% to the English/English Language

GCSE and the 'Speak Out' Challenge is a fantastic opportunity to do this.

On Monday, 17 students from across the Year 10 English groups took part in the training which lasted for the entire day. They were trained in good posture, confident delivery and how to get over their nerves. The day culminated with each student delivering a speech which they had prepared during the training sessions. Other than enabling the students to grow in confidence and improve the Speaking and Listening marks, one of the outcomes of the day is also to reveal the 3 most proficient speakers. This group of students will work on their speech and present

it in a Year 10 assembly, where the best speaker will be selected to go forward to the Borough Final of the 'Speak Out' Challenge in late November.

The Borough and Regional aspect of the challenge are a vital part of the entire project. The Borough Final will select the best Hillingdon young speaker who will then go forward to the London final at a prestigious event.

We would like to once again extend our thanks to Chris Billington for running the day as well as to all those students who took part. I would also like to thank Miss Seymour for helping to organise and run the day.

Maderlin Bidmead (English Deputy Curriculum Leader)

Coffee Morning / Performing Arts News



**WORLD'S
BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**



On Friday 28 September Barnhill took part in The Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning and helped raise money for cancer.

BTEC hospitality students organised a coffee morning at school, which involved planning, writing invitations, making cakes, decorating the classroom and hosting. A high turnout of staff thoroughly enjoyed being waited on by the students. Tea and coffee was on offer as well as a range of sumptuous cakes.

The BTEC students were both professional and enthusiastic and raised over £130 for Macmillan Cancer.

It was a huge success and the students should be highly commended for their efforts and fund raising.

*Janine Morgan
BTEC Hospitality Teacher.*

Performing Arts News

Showcase

The first Performing Arts Showcase is on Thursday 20th December, 6 - 7.30pm.

If any student wishes to perform they need to speak to their Dance, Music or Drama teachers so their performance can be given the seal of approval.

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AFTER HALF TERM

G&T Annual Event

This year's Gifted and Talented Event is on Tuesday 6th November.

Students who have been identified as Gifted and Talented in any Performing Arts subject will receive an invitation to perform.

The Gifted and Talented programme gives students lots of opportunities to showcase and develop their talents throughout the year.

Y8/9 Dance Club

Every Thursday after school (3-4pm) we have a specialist BREAKDANCE teacher here to teach breaking moves to Y8 & Y9 students.

He is currently preparing the students to enter a b-boy/b-girl breaking competition in December – it's not too late to join!

Please vote for Barnhill

Our students have entered the Skulduggery Pleasant book series online competition and need your votes.

www.skulduggerypleasant.co.uk/schools

Please visit the Skulduggery website and vote for our photo. You'll need to search the above page for this picture:



If we win, we get a visit from author Derek Landy to the school as well as other incredible prizes!

A few of our students are ahead of the latest craze beating a notable public school with their effort on YouTube.

Barnhill Gangnam Style was made here at school and is brilliant and as you can see has already gained over 7,000 views!

To see it for yourself, take a look at

www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLxIBV-MeqU

The school requires 2 School Support Assistants for immediate start:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:

10.30am – 11.05am First Break
12.55pm – 1.40pm Second Break

Wednesday:

10.15am – 10.55am First Break
1.40pm – 2.15pm Second Break

Total: 7.5 hours per week

Scale 1c, Point 10: £2,815.78 per annum (payable monthly)

Duties are to supervise students during both breaks in the various sections of the school.

If you are interested please make contact with the school reception for further details.

Application forms are downloadable from the school's website:

www.barnhill.hillingdon.sch.uk

Return completed application forms to Mrs Dyer c/o the school office

Closing Date: Friday 9 November 2012

Barnhill Community High is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant is required to undergo Enhanced CRB clearance.



In 1990 Dave Cooke, a father of four from Wrexham started Operation Christmas Child after seeing the horror of orphan children in Romania. He organised a group of people to fill trucks with toys send it to the orphaned children and hence the charity Operation Christmas Child was launched.

Right from the start, famous and influential people got involved, including A-Team actor, Mr T who joined in 1991. From 1992, the charity began to send convoys filled with toys

in a shoebox to different countries making children happy at Christmas.

Operation Christmas Child has expanded rapidly. In 1995 they sent 280,000 boxes and by 2008, 1.2 million shoeboxes from the UK were being sent to deprived children in thirteen countries.

On Tuesday 16 October Barnhill's Prince's Trust class made 228 cakes to sell at break times. By selling these cakes they raised £60 for the Operation Christmas Child's shoebox appeal. This meant that they are able to buy toys and other useful



items to put into shoeboxes which they decided to send to Mozambique. Hopefully with leaflets and posters around school promoting the Shoebox Appeal, other students will donate small toys as well. The deadline is 18 November and information about what to include can be found here:

<http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/what-to-pack>



**The School Day is now
different on Wednesdays**



School Day from October 2012

| Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays | |
|--|--------------------|
| 8.20am | Registration |
| 8.35am | Period 1 |
| 9.35am | Period 2 |
| 10.35am | Break |
| 11.00am | Period 3 |
| 12.00pm | Period 4 |
| 1.00pm | Lunch Break |
| 1.35pm | Period 5 |
| 2.35pm | Registration |
| 2.50pm | Years 7-11 Finish |
| Year 12/13 Period 6 Lessons | |
| 3.50pm | Finish |

| Wednesdays | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 8.20am | Registration / Period 1 |
| 9.20am | Period 2 |
| 10.20am | Break |
| 10.50am | Period 3 |
| 11.50pm | Period 4 |
| 12.50pm | Period 5 (PSHE) |
| 1.45pm | Lunch |
| <i>Special arrangements for each year group then apply.</i> | |

Finance Office Opening Hours

Dear Parents/Carers

In order to provide you with an efficient personal service, from 5th November 2012 the school Finance Office will be open to accept payments and enquiries from parents and carers between 9.00am and midday during term time.

Students are permitted to visit the Finance Office during break times and after school as normal.

Many thanks

Finance Team

Cluster at The Beck

An amazing Yeading Cluster Schools event took place at the Beck Theatre on Thursday 11 October.

The show was a great experience, giving the opportunity for many students from schools within Hillingdon to perform in front of a huge crowd. Dance, music and acting all featured in the show from the 'Young Children of Yeading', involving Primary school students as well as those from college. Barnhill was invited to select students to act as essential personnel and helpers for the night, and a number of Y12 students supported the production brilliantly. Two Y13 students: Hannah Taylor and Joseph Sennett, filmed the event. Three Y7 students: George Davidson, Manraj Kooner and Varinder Hunjan attended the performance to act as press reporters, interviewing those attending, including the Mayor of Hillingdon, to produce a forthcoming article for the Uxbridge Gazette.

All got valuable experience from the show, receiving front row seats and backstage passes. It was an amazing show.

George Davidson 7B

The Performing Arts Department would like to say a HUGE thank you to the Gifted and Talented students who helped at the event:

Ushers / Backstage: *Nathan Bayley, Connie Blair, Andre James, Luis Lorenzo & Harkirat Ubhi*

Filming: *Joseph Sennett & Hannah Taylor*

Reporters: *George Davidson & Manraj Kooner*

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Morning at The Lyric

On 20 September a group of Y12 and Y13 students, accompanied by members of the English and Media department, visited the Lyric Theatre in Hammersmith to see a production of **Morning: a new play by Simon Stephen.**

Depicting the consequences of social alienation amongst young people, and starring a teenage cast Morning's experimental dramatic approach provoked strong reactions and divided opinion amongst Barnhill's students and staff alike.

Everyone agreed, however, that the play provided plenty of food for thought and debate and the trip proved a great success.

Ms Lynch



Some Like It Hip Hop

Year 8 and GCSE Dance travelled to the Peacock Theatre in London to see the amazing show 'Some Like It Hip Hop'.

The show was jam packed with tons of hip hop moves including breaking, locking, krumping and popping.

Everyone came away inspired and enthused from such an incredible performance.

Year 7 French Trip



Just before the end of last term around 40 students were able to make a day trip to France and the coastal town of Boulogne. Lead by Mme Summers, she was assisted by Mme Castry, Mme Lynch, Mme Pickwick and M. McNab.

An early start to catch the coach for the run down to Folkestone and much excitement as it boarded Le Shuttle for its short crossing under the channel. It was then a short drive from Calais to Boulogne.

The Old Town was the first stop where students went off in groups to explore the area and what it had

to offer. Some took the opportunity to purchase their own traditional French berets and baguettes! Much excitement in the Chocolaterie (a chocolate factory) where they were all able to sample freshly made chocolates of all shapes and sizes. In fact, they observed the whole chocolate-making process and an opportunity to purchase a big bag full of these French goodies!

A fun trip was had by all.

Mme Summers

Please note that Year 9 may have the opportunity to partake in a week-long trip to Spain next summer.

Primary School Taster Sessions

Students from the Barnhill Leadership Academy have been delivering Taster sessions in New Age Kurling to local Primary School Students.

New Age Kurling is a form of the original curling seen in the Winter Olympics but is adapted so that it can be played indoors. More importantly it can be played by both able-bodied and disabled participants, allowing our students to further highlight the importance of Paralympic Values to primary school students.



The week was designed so that we visited one primary school each day and delivered 30 minute sessions to students from Year 2 up to Year 6. Each session was delivered by our students leaders with the assistance of Mr Coughlan.

The following primary schools were visited by our leaders.

Yeading Junior Sarah Day, Razia Ahmadi, Kumaran Dharma
Belmore Namatullah Ahmadi, Jamie Grey, May Aboul Hassan
Ryefield Noorin Gulam, Jade Thompson, Namatullah Ahmadi
Brookside Sam Lark, Lauren Joannou, Sarushan Siventhira, Yasmine Ferguson
Hayes Park Louis Hampton-Jones, Sinn'kaye Christie, Elliot Lark



Each of the students represented Barnhill superbly showing excellent leadership, organisation and commitment. All of the primary schools were full of compliments for our students and the way in which they conducted themselves. The future of Barnhill is bright with so many students displaying such excellent leadership qualities.

U13 Girls' National Cup

Barnhill went into their first National Cup match as reigning Middlesex champions and faced the Surrey champions, Winston Churchill School from Woking.

Barnhill went into the game with a mixture of experienced Y8 girls and some inexperienced Y7 girls. What an amazing game it turned out to be with the lead changing hands on more than one occasion. Winston Churchill were strong opposition and proved to be an almighty test for our girls. In a pulsating first half Barnhill took a two goal

lead and reached half time 3-2 up. Many of the girls worked themselves into the ground and regular substitutions allowed some respite from the physical strain but not from the emotional stress of the game, which became even more tense as Winston Churchill stormed back to lead 4-3.

The match was drawing towards its end but then came a flurry of goals, two stunning goals to Barnhill and a late equalizer from our opponents. In the last minute a superb save from the Winston Churchill goalkeeper denied a Barnhill

victory in normal time. With the girls physically shattered they entered extra time all square at 5 goals apiece.

As time began to ebb out Winston Churchill drew upon their last reserves of energy and scored twice to knock the wind out of the Barnhill sails and deny them a place in the next round. It was a marvellous match and the experience for the girls and the gallant display from them more than justified our entry into the competition. Well done girls and good luck for the rest of the season.

Mr Reid and Ms Richard

HOUSE COMPETITION 2012-13

Latest points standings after Year 7 Athletics

| Green | Blue | Orange | Red | Yellow | Purple |
|-------|------|--------|-----|--------|--------|
| 272 | 203 | 208 | 44 | 113 | 206 |

British Weight-lifting U18 Championships

Barnhill sent four lifters to the British Under 18 Championships in Bristol on 20 October. As you can see from the photo, they once again each came away with a trophy.

Nam Ahmadi and Louis Hampton-Jones came first, Noorin Gullam came second and Jaspreet Paul came third in their respective weight categories, each of them lifting personal bests on the way to their trophies.



Y11 Football - Match Report

Barnhill Y11 boys (and 3 Y10 boys) played their first match of the season against St Thomas More School in Wood Green, London.

The boys played into a strong head wind and as a result found themselves losing 3-1 at half time. Barnhill's goal came from the penalty spot after Ganew Ferguson had been brought down. The resulting penalty was scored by Malachi Calliste-Thompson.



In the second half the game took a dramatic turn. The boys pressed on with the wind on their backs, and despite again conceding another goal and being 4-1 down the boys picked themselves up and battled on to find themselves drawing at 4-4 with goals from Naim Sulieman, Ganew Ferguson and another from Malachi Calliste-Thompson. With

only 2 minutes to go, the boys sadly conceded a goal to bring the game to a 5-4 defeat. However, the efforts of the boys should not go unnoticed and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the boys on their effort and hard work. They represented Barnhill in the best way possible and truly did us proud playing with pride and great determination.

Sadly the boys were recently once again closely defeated with a 6-7 result and another last minute goal.

Well done to the Barnhill boys and keep up the hard work and practice (training every Monday after school).

Miss Richard & Mr Willis

STOP PRESS

Anna Fibley in 8R will be representing England against the Republic of Ireland in the Under 15 England Women's squad. This is an outstanding achievement and she is the youngest person in the team. Anna will be training over half-term in English FA's new Centre of Excellence at St George's Park in Staffordshire. Everyone at Barnhill wishes her Good Luck!

Information

Autumn Term 2012

- 8 Nov KS4 Parents' Evening (Years 9-11)
- 9 Nov On Track for Success Day
- 15 Nov Y8 & Y13 Parents' Evening
- 22 Nov KS5 Open Evening
- 28 Nov Academic Awards Evening
- 30 Nov INSET Day, school closed to students
- 3 Dec INSET Day, school closed to students
- 20 Dec Showcase Event
- 21 Dec End of Term

Spring Term 2013

- 7 Jan First Day of Term
- 11 Jan On Track for Success Day
- 31 Jan Y7 & Y12 Parents' Evening
- 14 Feb Showcase Event
- 18 to 22 Feb inclusive - Half Term*
- 7 Mar KS4 Options Evening
- 13 Mar Festival of Dance
- 14 Mar KS4 Parents' Evening (Years 9-11)
- 21 Mar KS4 Interview Day
- 26 Mar Creative Design BTec Show
- 27 Mar Showcase Event
- 28 Mar Last Day of Term

Summer Term 2013

- 15 Apr First Day of Term
- 19 Apr On Track for Success Day
- 6 May Bank Holiday
- 23 May Showcase
- 27 to 31 May inclusive - Half Term*
- 11 Jun Sports Award Ceremony
- 21 Jun Year 13 Prom
- 28 Jun Year 11 Prom
- 1 Jul INSET Day, school closed to students
- 4 Jul Creative Design Summer Show
- 5 Jul Sports Day
- 9 Jul Year 7 Induction Day
- 15/16/17 Jul - School Production
- 19 Jul Last Day of Term

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